



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, the safety and well being of children is a priority of this state; and*

*WHEREAS, more than 200,000 children are injured on playgrounds in the United States each year equaling an average of one playground-related emergency room visit every two-and-one-half minutes; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Program for Playground Safety has identified key areas that could help substantially reduce the number of playground injuries and keep our children SAFE-providing: proper supervision, age appropriate equipment, materials to soften falls to the surface, and equipment maintenance; and*

*WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set aside a week each year for the direction and thought on how to keep our children safer on playgrounds; and*

*WHEREAS, spring is often a time that children head to the playground and a large percentage of playground injuries occur from April through June; and*

*WHEREAS, schools, parks and other public facilities are preparing for summer season and playground participants; and*

*WHEREAS, all of us that care about children make the commitment that no Idaho child shall play on an unsafe playground; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Program for Playground Safety has designated April 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005, as National Playground Safety Week;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 25<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005, to be*

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*in Idaho, and urge all citizens to join in this observance.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this sixth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.*

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Ysursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YSURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE